

**TOWN OF DAVIE  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Robbins Lodge, 4005 Hiatus Road  
November 27, 2006 – 7:30 p.m.**

**1. ROLL CALL**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.**

Present at the meeting were Chairperson Joyce Steward, Linda Greck, Casey Lee, Frances Steier, Christina Pellicane, Toni Webb, George Greb, Donald Burgess, Jeff Dudley, and Paul Greenbaum. Also in attendance were Open Space Advisory Committee Liaisons Tim Lee and Michael Mungal, Program Manager Phillip Holste, and Mona Laventure, Recording Clerk.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 25, 2006**

A correction was noted to the spellings of Kathy Cox's name and Stonebrook. Motion made by Donald Burgess, seconded by Casey Lee, to approve the September 25, 2006 minutes as corrected. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**3.1 Status of Draft resolution regarding speed limits and signage near existing trail system – Next steps**

Mr. Mungal stated he had created a draft ordinance for review, approval, and placement on a future Town Council agenda. He indicated that Mr. Cohen requested the ordinance take a different route and in lieu of processing through administration, it should be proposed by a Councilmember. As this is already a State law, Mr. Cohen did not see the need for an additional ordinance. Ms. Greck stated since this was her item, she would take the resolution before a Councilmember for further direction.

**3.2 Trail crossing cost analysis – Village of Wellington (Example)**

Mr. Mungal reported he spoke to the Assistant Director of Environmental and Engineering Services, who advised he would have to get approval from the different groups that have the cost analyses as there are hundreds of different designs for crossings based upon location and usage.

Ms. Greck indicated that the Davie Engineering Department has already approved designs for different volume roads in and around Davie in the trail system, and their goal is to get an estimated cost for those crossings as they are currently designed. She suggested narrowing the request to crossings that are similar in scope to what is already designed would speed the process. Mr. Mungal stated he could provide design details, maps, and/or photographs to obtain close cost estimates as well as anticipated pricing increases. Mr. Mungal added that the process would be easier if they had funding for an actual analysis through an engineering company. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for followup.

**3.3** Cost of Maintenance contracts for open space parcels/vendors – Update from Public Works Department – Requested by Casey Lee

Mr. Mungal stated he had sent a copy of the contract information to Ms. Lee who then indicated she had not yet looked at the document; however, she would be reviewing it soon, providing a summary with suggestions and changes, and will report back to OSAC.

**3.4** Chelsea/Ivanhoe Park locked gate – Requested by Casey Lee

Mr. Mungal indicated he went onto the Davie parks website noting the information was inaccurate and needs to be updated as Chelsea Park is not listed. Mr. Lee stated although there are issues pending which are being addressed by Marcie Nolan, the park has been opened. Ms. Lee asked if there would be some sort of dedication to introduce the public to the new park.

**3.5** Tree Legacy Program – e-mail sent to Town Council

Chair Steward stated that she had spoken with several Councilmembers who were in favor of the Tree Legacy program being reinstituted. Councilmember Crowley will be bringing up this matter on an upcoming agenda. It is anticipated that Susan Dean will administer the program. Chair Steward added she had recommended Mr. Lee obtain approval for the types of trees being planted and landscape designs to be used, and the plaques - although ultimately paid for by the resident – would be selected by the Town to ensure uniformity.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1** Town-wide trail map – Updated Map – Phillip Holste

Mr. Holste suggested looking at previous maps to see if the Committee had suggestions for additions or deletions. He added that although the trails may be indicated on the map, they had never really checked to ensure that the Town actually has those easements. Brief discussion continued regarding existing, proposed, and possible future trails. Chair Steward suggested getting input from Kathy Cox on the trail map.

**4.2** Open Space Bond – Next steps (Held two special meetings on 9/12 & 10/23) – Next meeting scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Holste reported on several parcels that had been acquired or were under consideration and would be brought up for discussion at the 12/5 meeting.

With regard to redistricting, Mr. Holste believed that funds would be reallocated based on current, not previous, boundaries. He anticipates having more definitive information on December 5th.

The three sites suggested by OSAC have been submitted to Council for consideration.

#### **4.3 Update on Conference in Jacksonville – Linda Greck & Phillip Holste**

Mr. Holste stated this was a conference with state, county, and local municipalities to discuss the future of land acquisition and land management in Florida, as well as allocation of funds. He stated the Town should work on a Master Plan for parks and green space either internally or through hiring a consultant.

Chair Steward asked Mr. Holste if he had obtained information on any new sources for grants. Mr. Holste responded that in other areas water management districts appear to be an additional resource, although the South Florida Water Management District currently does not provide funding.

Mr. Mungal pointed out that Engineering does work with the South Florida Water Management District on drainage projects such as the Orange Park Canal.

Ms. Greck added that, from the Land Trust perspective, the conference had been a good opportunity to meet people. Ms. Greck indicated that “Green Prints” bring together different data to create a layered map of the Town, choosing different sets of data to include such as demographics, topographic information, trail connections, park buffer zones, water quality, tree species, etc.

#### **4.4 Reschedule May 28, 2007 meeting to either 5/22 or 5/23 (Memorial Day Holiday)**

The meeting was tentatively scheduled at Robbins Lodge on Wednesday, 5/23/06.

#### **4.5 FPL Easement Update – Next Steps – Phillip & Michael**

Mr. Mungal advised he had received an email from Jeff Long, FPL Corporate Real Estate Office, indicating their willingness to work with the Town in negotiating purchase of the entire easement. FPL owns five parcels within the easement and is willing to sell any or all of the parcels which total 49 acres. An appraisal showed a price of \$4-5 per square foot with the entire site being 2,130,000 square feet. He anticipates FPL would keep 25% of the total lands for easements and encumbrances. Acquisition would be 37 acres at a price of \$9.6 million.

Meetings had been held with Councilmember Crowley who advised he was not interested in using a large portion of their monies on this land as it is not usable for the Town. It was recommended a package be sent to adjoining property owners showing proposed boundaries and anticipated plans. Chair Steward advised that two of the properties are in review for site plan. Another adjacent 20 acre piece is on the market, some of which they may be able to acquire.

It was suggested that the property be multi-use and referred to as “multi-purpose” in lieu of “equestrian trail.”

#### **4.6** How District Boundary changes affect OSAC recommendations.

Previously discussed. Will be further discussed at the 12/5/06 meeting.

#### **4.7** Town Capital Projects Approval – Linda Greck

- Town Equestrian Bridges along Griffin Road
- Trail connection along SW 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Van Kirk
- Horse crossing where old SW 136<sup>th</sup> and new SW 136<sup>th</sup> (Near Culvert)

Mr. Mungal stated that these three items had been brought up at the last Town Council meeting. Councilmember Paul asked that the bridges be added to the five-year capital program and staff is now looking at ways to get an updated cost on the installation. The monies will come from either the bond money or another source.

Ms. Greck reviewed previous Committee minutes and gave a brief history of their recommendations and costs for the five-year capital plan given in 2005. She stated it appears currently the only way to pay for the bridges would be from bond monies. She expressed her disappointment in that the bridges should already be in the process of being built as they had the funds when the recommendation had initially been made; the cost would now be almost double. She questioned where the funds were that were to be spent on the bridges.

Mr. Mungal reiterated that these three items had been added, not with funding sources, but as line items Councilmember Paul would like to see done through the capital projects. Ms. Greck pointed out that the area along SW 133<sup>rd</sup> is already a Town right-of-way and only needs to be cleared to be utilized.

Ms. Greck noted there was no connection between the Parks & Recreation Department and Open Space in coordinating efforts and accounting. She additionally officially requested a detailed accounting of Open Space impact fees for the 2005-2006 calendar year with descriptive information of projects undertaken. Mr. Mungal noted there is no distinction on the split of funds allocated between parks, open space, and RAC, although Chair Steward did state that to her understanding percentage allocations had been made.

#### **4.8** Welcoming Tim Lee as your new OSAC Town Liaison

Mr. Mungal introduced Mr. Lee as the new liaison. He stated he would continue with work with Mr. Lee and Mr. Holste but he would now be focusing primarily on P & Z engineering issues.

**5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** – previously discussed.

**6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS**

Ms. Lee mentioned that Nissan Volvo has acquired the parcel of land on 154<sup>th</sup> Avenue south of the bridge. A wetlands and open space area will be included in the property development.

Chair Steward was disappointed that the OSAC members had not been advised with enough advance time to participate in the park tour.

Ms. Greck inquired regarding a further update on the trail along Flamingo Road. Mr. Holste believed they would be requesting an extension on that matter.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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**Approved**

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**Chairperson/Committee Member**